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Year 9 Maths Careers Session



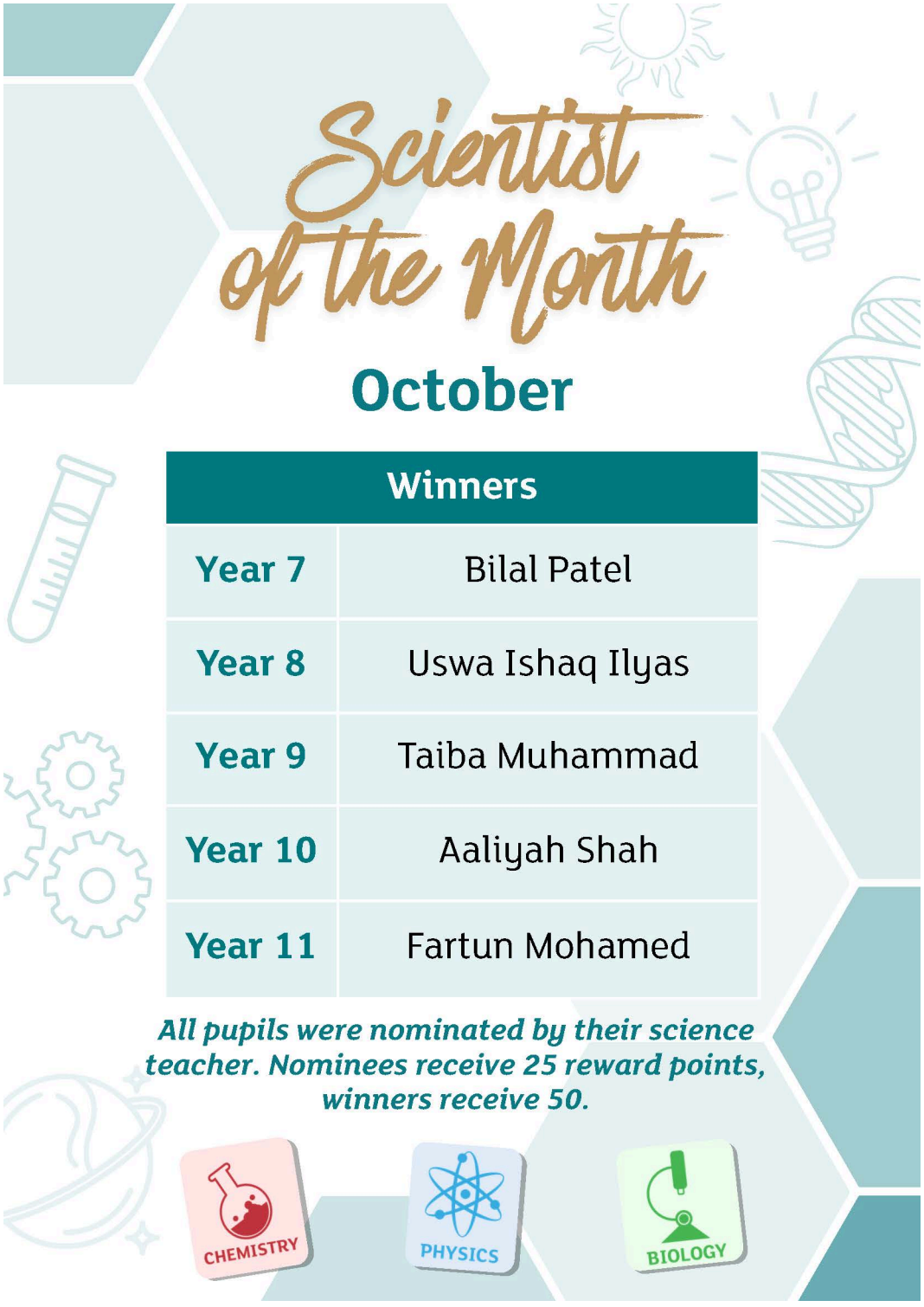
All Year 9 students attended a careers presentation delivered by our very own Mr Keightley about his former days as an airline pilot before he moved into teaching maths. Mr Keightley outlined the routes into becoming an airline pilot, giving information about his personal experiences, and explaining how the knowledge and skills students develop in school link to a career in aviation. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and to put their knowledge of Pythagoras' theorem into practice. We all enjoyed the session and learned a lot.

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Scientist of the Month - October

Congratulations to October's Scientist of the Month winners and well done to all nominees. Keep up the fantastic work in Science!



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7
Ibraheem K for fantastic use of figurative language in his 'Shredni Vashtar' diary entry. Click here to view the work.

Year 8
Umaimah M, for excellent analysis of the Policeman's reaction in Blood Brothers. Click here to view the work.

Year 9
Faria D for superb analysis of poetic structural techniques and their effects. Click here to view the work.

Year 10
Isabelle L for her analytical paragraph on how poverty is presented in Stave 3 of A Christmas Carol. Click here to view the work.

Year 11
Fatima A - For creating an amazing resource in class for her War, Conflict and Humanity for her GCSE poetry revision. Click here to view the work.

Readers of the Week

Year 7
Aaminah P for always volunteering to read in class and making great improvements with her oracy.

Year 8
Ibraheem K, for always reading with clarity!

Year 9
Aysha B for her commitment to reading in class, it has been an absolute pleasure to see her grow in confidence.

Year 10
Aksha B for her growing confidence to share answers in class

Year 11
Ho Kwan C - always shows enthusiasm for reading texts in class and demonstrates good comprehension skills and a desire to share his inferences.

Gold Tie of the Week

Dylan Raja and Scarlett Farrimond for their fantastic readings at the Remembrance Day Service

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Determination Festival

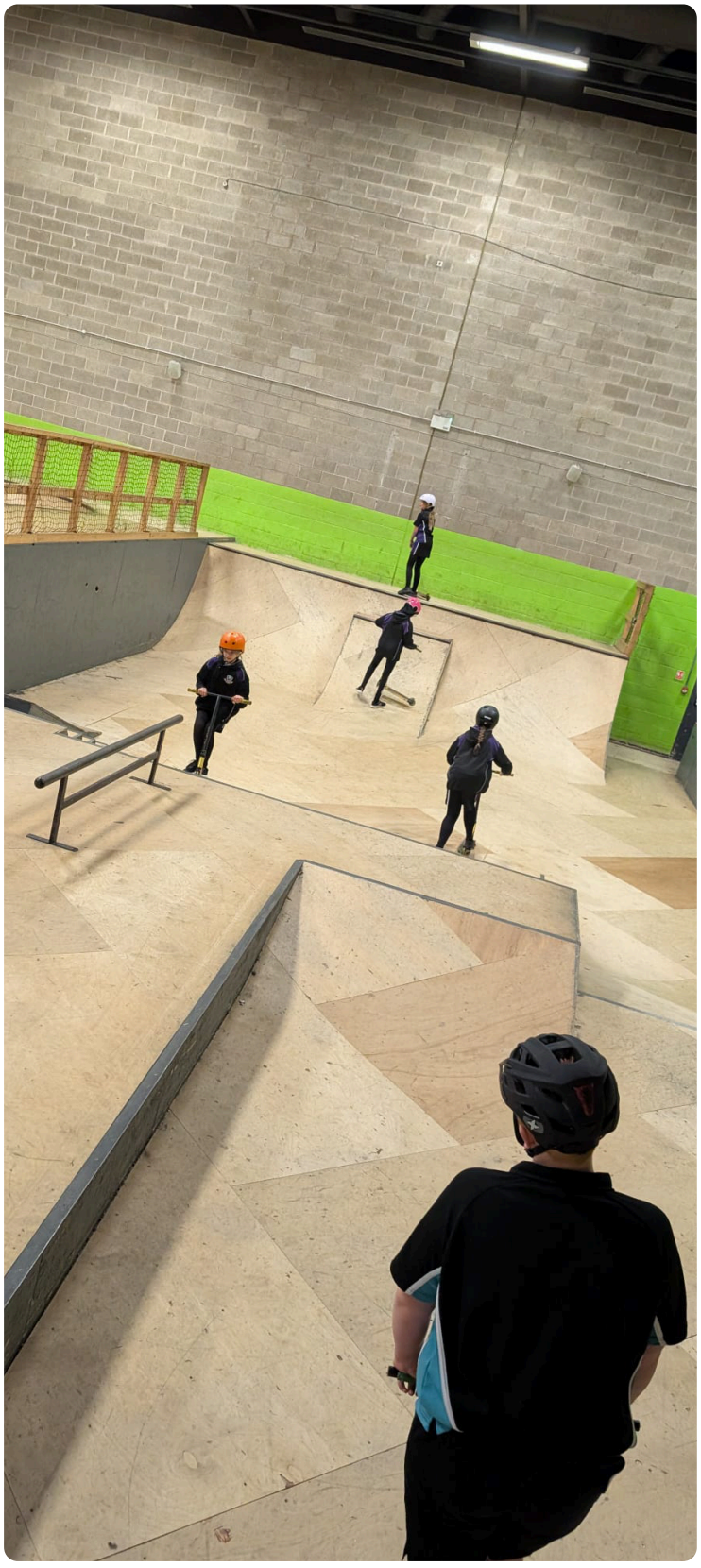


On Wednesday, a number of Y7 students were invited to Howe Bridge Leisure Centre in Wigan where they had the opportunity to develop their confidence in a carousel of different activities. Whilst there, students were able to experience archery, rock climbing, scooter riding and an assault course. It was brilliant to see how confidence increased throughout the day and how so many conquered their fear of heights! Well done, Y7!

See the next page for more pictures

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MUFC Tournament and Workshop



On Monday, some of our talented Y8 and Y9 girls took part in an exciting football competition organised by the Manchester United Foundation at the iconic Cliff training ground. Inspired by following in the footsteps of Manchester United legends, including David Beckham, who once trained there, the girls put on a fantastic display. The day was rounded off with an engaging workshop, making it a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone involved. Well done to all the girls who represented the school so brilliantly!



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Bolton X-Country Championships



This week some of our students represented the school in the Bolton X-Country Championships held at Rivington school. Depending on the age students had to run between 2500 and 3000m over difficult terrain.The format had changed this year with year 7 and 8 competing against each other and year 9 and 10 also in the same race making it very difficult for the younger students in each race. All students were fantastic and 6 of our runners even managed to qualify to represent Bolton in the GM race later in the year. A special mention to Levi D who finished in 4th position but was first out of the year 7's racing!

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Attendance Information

Reporting an absence:
If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. The attendance email is the easiest way to contact school as the phone line can get very busy.
Appointments in school time: Please provide an appointment card/letter. If your child has a medical appointment and needs to leave early, please can you provide a copy of the appointment card/letter so an exit slip can be issued.
The school attendance email is: attendance@sharplesschool.co.uk
If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Attendance Data (previous week)

Year Groups attendance this week:	Best forms this week:
7 = 97.65%	7Ples3 = 100%
8 = 95.00%	8Shar1 = 100%
9 = 95.04%	9Shar5 = 98.50%
10 = 93.58%	10Shar4 = 100%
11 = 92.40%	11Ples4 = 97.39%

621 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Y11 PPEs ongoing

Monday 16th to Friday 20th November : Maths Week England (activities all week)

Tuesday 17th November: 2026 Cohort Skills academy Y8 (10:05 – 10:50am)

Wednesday 18th November: Odd Arts creative mentoring session (1:30 – 3:30pm)

Friday 20th November: BAE Systems school & college Open Event

Career of the Week: Marketing Executive

Marketing executives promote a company's products, services or brand.

Average Salary: £23,000 (Starter) – £50,000 (Experienced)

Typical hours: (per week) 37 to 39 a week

You could work: evenings / weekends occasionally



Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through; a university course, an apprenticeship, working towards this role, applying directly or specialist courses run by professional bodies.
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.

Skills required:

- Knowledge of English language.
- The ability to use your initiative.
- Leadership skills.
- Maths knowledge.
- Knowledge of media production and communication.
- Business management skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths, Computer Science and Business.

Information sourced from:https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/marketing-executive

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PE Lunch Time Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM/CCH Y11 Football (Small astro) JBA Basketball (SH) - LAL	Y8 Football (Big Astro) - PGR/LAL Y11 Football (Small astro) JBA KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - CCH Sports studies catch up/KS3 hmwk- AHM	Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM/CCH Y11 Football (Small astro) JBA Basketball (SH) - LAL/PGR	Y8 Football (Big Astro) - AHM/CCH Y11 Football (Small astro) JBA Basketball (SH) - LAL	Sharples Storm (Big Astro) - AHM Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA Racquets (SH) - CCH/LAL



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 boys Swimming Club Netball practice- all years Y7 Football Practice	U13 Girls Football Tournament @ Ladybridge (2:25 leave) Y7 football v Thornleigh (a) 2 matches Y8 Football Practice KS4 Fitness Suite Running Club- all years	Y7, Y8/Y9 & Y10 Football vs Thornleigh (a) KS3 girls Swimming Club Basketball- all years KS4 Girls Fitness Suite	Y7 & Y10 Netball vs Ladybridge (h) Girls Football- all years KS4 Fitness Suite	PE detentions

Week beginning 16th Nov

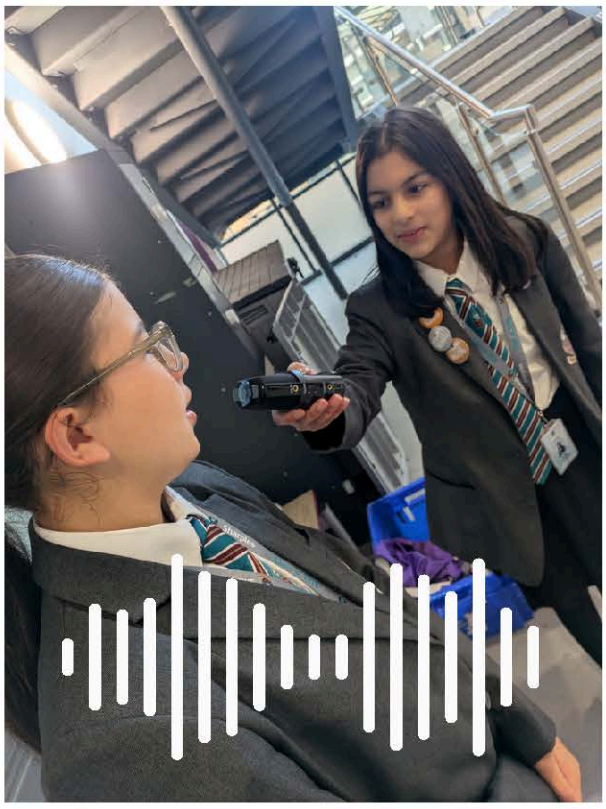
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ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

SHARPLES RADIO IS MAKING WAVES

The school radio is proving to be a big hit with staff and students alike. The podcast is a regular communication channel for the school, and is testament to the hard work of the Sharples Radio team and Miss Smith in the English Department. This month we were treated to recent news about the Oracy visit to the Barack Obama presentation evening, information about Black History Month, and a report from the Year 9 Geography trip to Manchester. We were also given an insight into the different texts the English team enjoy teaching.





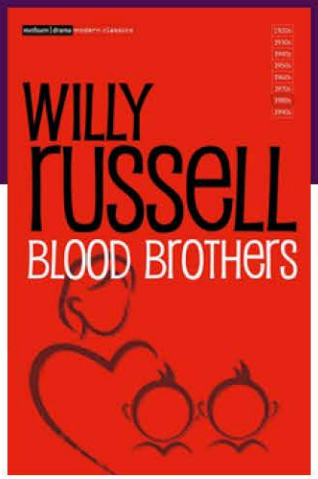
Mahek, left, only joined Sharples Radio this year. The Year 7 pupil has proven herself to be a committed recruit! She has loved making new friends and has developed numerous new skills including interviewing and presenting ideas.

For a listen, tune into the podcast via the website: https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/student-voice/

One particular highlight was a short hot-seating scene from Year 8 students, currently studying the play *Blood Brothers.*



The drama scene is a wonderful way for students to show understanding, get into character, and use their voice in an entertaing way.



Are YOU ready?



Following Y7's fantastic presentations, it's Lit Society for Y8 now! Many have already started their planning and have come up with their ideas. The projects will be presented in the library on **Tuesday 15th December** - make sure you're ready! For details please see Mr Husayn.



If you need any inspiration, think about your own favourite murder mystery movies, documentaries and gothic novels. Think about costumes, props and unusual crime scenes...

PRIZES INCLUDE:

- Up to 100 reward points!
- First place goes through to the final round against winners from each year group.
- The opportunity to go on a special rewards trip!

WORD OF THE WEEK

articulate:

Able to express ideas clearly.

"He was able to articulate himself well during the interview"

WHAT'S ON



Books and Biscuits

Tuesday
Lunchtime
in the library





Anime Club Wednesday
lunch in U15 -



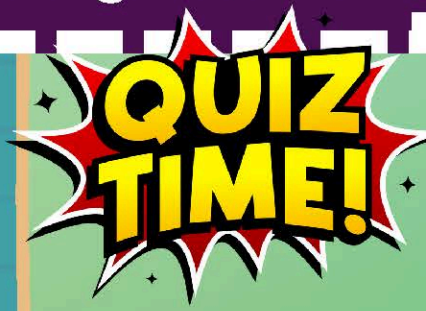
WEDNESDAY:

DISNEY CLUB

Y7-8

Trivia Fridays in the library!
Test your knowledge for fun

EVERY WEEK IN THE LIBRARY AT LUNCHTIME



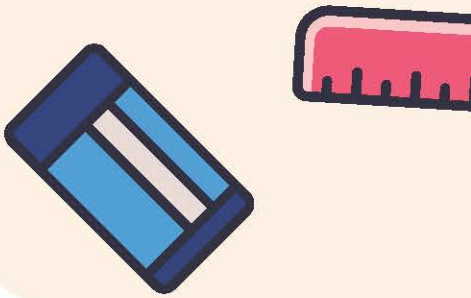
SHARPLES RADIO

Check out the latest Sharples Radio Podcast on the Student Voice area of our school website.

https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/student-voice/



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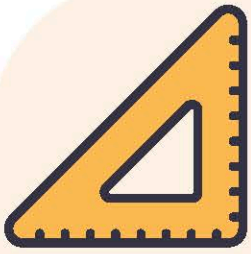


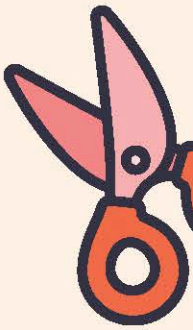
AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY



PENS, PENCILS, RULERS,
RUBBERS ETC
ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM 50P







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‘Gone’ Creative Writing Competition

Imagine waking up to discover something missing—a person, technology, or an entire city. Write a 100-word mini saga exploring the consequences of this sudden disappearance for a chance to win top prizes!



CHOOSE WHAT DISAPPEARS

Pick a person, technology, animals, or an entire city.



EXPLORE THE CONSEQUENCES

Imagine what changes, who is affected, and what happens.



WRITE MINI SAGA

Bring your story to life in under 100 words.

100 Words



EXCITING STUDENT PRIZES

Five winners get £100 Amazon gift cards and trophies.



MAJOR SCHOOL AWARDS

Top school wins £1,000 and Award of Excellence.

DEADLINE AND CONTACT

Submit by Friday 6th December to Miss Chikoi in Room U9.

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PRESENTS

A Winter Showcase

THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER

IN THE THEATRE — 7PM

PERFORMANCES INCLUDE:
SHARPLES VOICES, BAND PERFORMANCES, SOLOISTS, MUSICAL THEATRE & DANCE

TICKETS

£3 PER ADULT AND £1 PER CHILD (UNDER 16)

AVAILABLE ON MCAS FROM 2ND NOVEMBER.

Rotary
Bolton with Le Moors

CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

GET CREATIVE AND DESIGN A CHRISTMAS THEMED POSTER!

AGES 5-7

AGES 8-10

AGES 11-15

AGES 15+

EACH CATEGORY WINNER WILL RECEIVE A

£75 Love2Shop VOUCHER!

Love2Shop £75

All entries must be your own creation and not digitally made.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
Friday 11th December

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON:
Wednesday 16th December

SEND ENTRIES TO:
bwlmrotary@outlook.com

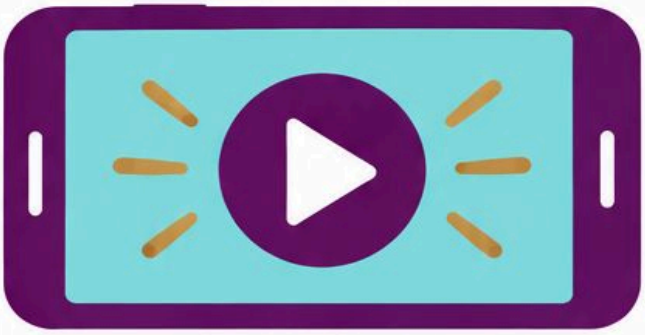
Let your imagination shine this Christmas!

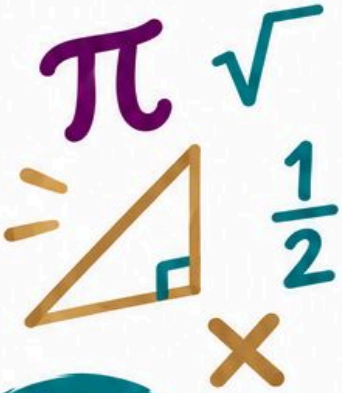
Maths INFLUENCER

Optional Homework

Create a 60-second video explaining a maths trick, misconception or interesting fact.

Share your maths knowledge!





Be creative

Think it through

Get filming!

Entries should be emailed to **Mrs McCawley** by **Friday 8th January 2027.**

Reward points are up for grabs!

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

ONE-TRAY ENERGY SAVER

Pepper & Chicken Jalfrezi Traybake

Prep: 10 mins **Cook:** 35 mins **Serves:** 4 **Cost:** ~£0.98 / portion

INGREDIENTS

- 600g bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 2 mixed bell peppers, roughly chopped
- 2 red onions, cut into wedges
- 2 tbsp Jalfrezi curry paste
- 1 tin (400g) plum tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, finely grated
- 1 thumb-sized piece ginger, grated
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 300g basmati rice (to serve)
- Salt & black pepper

STEP-BY-STEP METHOD

1. **Prep Veg & Tray:** Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan / Gas 6). Spread chopped peppers and red onion wedges across a large, deep baking tray.
2. **Coat Chicken in Curry Paste:** Score chicken thighs two or three times down to the bone. Toss in a bowl with curry paste, grated garlic, ginger, oil, red wine vinegar, salt, and pepper.
3. **Combine & Add Tomatoes:** Nestle seasoned chicken thighs skin-side up among the peppers and onions. Crush tinned tomatoes over the vegetables in the tray.
4. **Roast Traybake:** Bake for 35 minutes until chicken skin is dark golden and crispy, meat is cooked through, and sauce is thick and sticky.
5. **Serve:** Steam rice while traybake finishes. Serve crispy chicken thighs with roasted peppers and spoon rich tray juices over the fluffy rice.

Thrifty Chef Tip
Bone-in chicken thighs cost roughly half the price of breast fillets and stay juicy during roasting. Cooking everything together in one tray reduces energy consumption and limits cleanup time.

MENU

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Chicken Singapore Noodles £1.85	Chicken Biryani served with a Naan Bread £1.85	Beef/Chicken Burger served on a Bun with Chips £2.10	Lasagne Served with a Garlic Bread £2.10	Tugo Pizza Slice From £1.50
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheesy Potato & Leek Pie £2.10	Stuffed Sweet Potato Skins £1.85	Veg Burger served on a Bun with Chips £2.10	Aubergine & chickpea Dhansak, with pilau rice £1.85	Spicy Bean Enchilada £1.80
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Garden peas Savoy Cabbage Crisp Mixed Salad	Crisp mixed salad Naan Bread	Baked Beans Crisp Mixed Salad	Crisp Mixed Salad Garlic Bread Green Beans	Crisp Mixed Salad
STREET FOOD	Chicken Panini £1.95 Curry Pot £1.90	Chicken Panini £1.95 Curry Pot £1.90	Red Lentil & Squash Dahl served with Basmati Rice £1.85	Chicken Panini £1.95 Curry Pot £1.80	Chicken Pesto Served with wholemeal Pasta £1.85
ITALIAN DAILY SPECIAL	Pomodoro Sauce Served with Wholemeal Pasta £1.90	Arrabbiata Sauce with Pasta £1.90	Tomato & Mascarpone Sauce served with Pasta £1.90	Basilico Sauce served with Pasta £1.90	Vegetarian Bolognaise served with Pasta £1.90
DESSERT	Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Fruit Pot 55p-90p	Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Fruit Pot 55p-90p	Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Fruit Pot 55p-90p	Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Fruit Pot 55p-90p	Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Fruit Pot 55p-90p

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KEY 5 A DAY 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY MEAT FREE MEAT-FREE (VEGETARIAN) CHEF'S CHOICE PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Allergens and intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

Mellors FOOD Happy

GET Mellors FOOD Happy



MID MORNING BREAK

Toast	32p
Potato Cake/Pancake	45p
Crumpet	41p
Toasted Teacake	50p
Bacon/Sausage Barm	£1.40
Cheese on Toast	70p
Croissant	70p
Waffle	£1.10
Hash Brown	45p
Cinnamon Swirl	£1.18
Pain Au Chocolate	70p

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

> Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

> Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right[1].

> We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

> Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

> This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

> We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

[1] Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org



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For further information, please come and see us.

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